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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Shannon, et al.) Group Art Unit: 3738
Application No.: 09/981,337)
Filing Date: October 16, 2001) Examiner: Brian E. Pellegrino
For: RADIALLY EXPANDABLE STENTED)
TUBULAR PTFE GRAFTS)

**AMENDMENT AFTER NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.312
AND
AMENDMENT AND REQUEST TO DELETE INVENTOR(S) PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R.
§1.48(B)**

BOX ISSUE FEE
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed April 26, 2004, please enter the following amendment in the above-identified U.S. application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.312.

AMENDMENT TO DELETE INVENTORS PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.48(B)

Correction of Inventorship

This application is a divisional of United States Patent Application serial no. 09/358,350, which is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/675,644. Pursuant to

C.F.R. §1.48(b), please delete the names of the following persons named as inventors because they are not the inventors of the invention now being claimed:

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Fees Due to File This Amendment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1225 (Docket no. VAS-5041DIV2) for the required processing fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i). A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed..

REMARKS

This amendment is respectfully submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.312 in response to the Notice of Allowance mailed April 26, 2004. The amendment deletes the names of certain persons because they are not the inventors of the invention now being claimed.

Entry of this amendment should require only a cursory review of the record by the Examiner. As this amendment is being timely submitted and because the Applicants do not believe that the foregoing amendment affects the allowability of this case, the Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment.

Issue Fees

The issue fee along with the publication fee are being paid concurrently herewith.

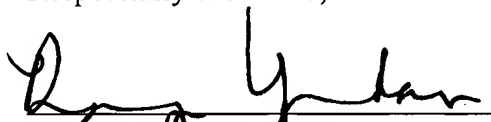
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CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendment. If in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (949) 250-6801.

If an appropriate payment does not accompany or precede this submission, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees, such as under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, including any petition for extension of time, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1225 (VAS-5041DIV2).

Respectfully submitted,

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